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E O 11652: NA TAGS: SHUM SUBJ: SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES - AUG 26 - AGENDA ITEMS 4, 5 AND 8.

1. DURING P.M. SESSION AUGUST 26 TWO RESOLUTIONS WERE TABLED. THE FIRST DEALS WITH THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (DOC. E/CN.4/SUB.2/L.666) AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR UNDERTAKE A FINAL REVISION OF HIS REPORT BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE 33RD GA. IT ALSO INVITES THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO PREPARE A LIST IDENTIFYING THOSE WHOSE ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTE ASSISTANCE TO COLONIAL AND RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE REPORT IN ITS ENTIRETY WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE HRC AT ITS 33RD SESSION.

2. AGITATED ABOUT COST OF TRAVEL BY THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR AND PRODUCTION RATED (\$6,000) SMIRNOV RECOMMENDED (WITHOUT OBJECTION) THAT EDITING OF THE DOCUMENT BE DELETED WHICH REDUCED TOTAL COST BY \$400. BEFORE DOCUMENT WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS, NETTEL (AUSTRIA) NOTED HIS OBJECTION OF OP. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARA 5 WHICH INVITES THE RAPPORTEUR TO PREPARE THE LIST OF THOSE GIVING ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIMES.

3. THE SECOND RESOLUTION ON THE RIGHT TO SELF DETERMINATION (DOC. E/CN.4/SUB.2/L.688) REFERS TO THE STUDY OF SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR CRISTESCU AND DECIDES THAT THE S-C SHOULD EXAMINE THE FINAL REPORT AT ITS 31ST SESSION. IT REQUESTS

THAT THE SYG GIVE THE RAPPORTEUR ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO HIS WORK WITH REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT THE REPORT WAS NOT PUBLISHED FOR THIS SESSION. RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

4. ALSO ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WAS THE REPORT OF THE WG ON THE ROLE OF THE SUB-COMMISSION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM FOR THE DECADE TO COMBAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (DOC. E/CN.4/SUB.2/(XXX)/CRP.2). THE GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT ALL STATES NOT PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PREVENTION OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID UNDERTAKE TO ACCEDE OR RATIFY THESE INSTRUMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY ALSO REQUESTED THAT STATES WHICH HAVE NOT SIGNED OR RATIFIED THESE CONVENANTS BE ASKED TO REPORT TO THE GA WITHIN SIX MONTHS ON OBSTACLES WHICH THEY MAY HAVE ENCOUNTERED OR ON ANY INTERIM MEASURES TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE CONVENTIONS. THE WG FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT (1) STATES DEVELOP EDUCATION POLICIES TO GUARANTEE ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR ALL CITIZENS AND INCLUDE IN CURRICULA OF EDUCATION THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND (2) UNDERTAKE TO CARRY OUT CAMPAIGNS TO PROMOTE A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE EVILS OF RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID. COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ILO AND UNESCO IS ENCOURAGED WITH A VIEW TO THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FIELDS OF ACTIVITY. FINALLY THE WG STATES THERE SHOULD BE AN INCREASE IN THE ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND GREATER PRESSURE EXERCISED ON GOVERNMENTS AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHOSE COOPERATION WITH SA IS HINDERING RAPID REALIZATION OF RACIAL EQUALITY IN SOUGHERN AFRICA.

- 5. THE WG RECOMMENDED THAT A SERIES OF NEW STUDIES BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE MATTER OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND THAT STUDIES CONDUCTED UNDER S-C AUSPIECES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM.
- 6. ALTHOUGH NETTEL STATED HIS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE REPORT BECAUSE OF THE MENTION OF THE APARTHEID CONVENTION, THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED ADOPTION BY CONSENSUS.

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